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## Editorial

### “Impartiality”

In my last editorial I suggested that the ETH (*Extra-terrestrial hypothesis*) had been given less than fair treatment in recent years and made points in its favour: one or two *Journal* articles were also on an ET theme, and I find it interesting that this evoked immediate cries of “*Why does our ‘impartial’ editor take sides?*” (see Uforum), when numerous items in earlier *Journals* favouring psychic or other themes have not.

To be ‘impartial’ does not mean that one cannot have views of ones own. Neither does it mean an editor is for-

bidden from presenting them. However, I must point out that the ‘pro-ET’ points presented by no means necessarily indicated that I consider the ETH the ultimate answer to the UFO enigma. They *did* indicate that I believe many members do so regard it, and their views are in danger not only of being swamped, but of being patronisingly swamped.

Fair coverage should be given to all aspects of our subject and members should be entitled to express their own viewpoints without censorship of any description. Indeed, do not Manfred Cassirer, Hilary Evans, Randall Jones Pugh and Stuart Campbell have strong views of their own? And why not? When the late John Cleary-Baker edited this Journal, he used to follow the guideline of being a ‘balancing force.’ If he considered that *Bufora* (or indeed Ufology generally) was headed too strongly in one direction, he would do his best to counter the tendency. This at times, I also try to do.

All too often views held are so entrenched in the mind of the person concerned that they are proclaimed to the exclusion of all others—and Ufology has a pretty high proportion of such ‘entrenchments.’

Let us be quite clear, too, on the make-up of *Bufora’s* membership. Whilst probably a quarter are either scientists or possess some degree of scientific training, the remainder, the majority, are not. To produce a

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*Journal* containing only scientific papers (were sufficient forthcoming) would therefore mean financial suicide for the *Association*. This is why your *Journal* maintains a 'popular' approach. However, the minority, on many of whom we rely for Research and Investigation assistance, cannot just be ignored either, and it was for this reason that *Journal TAP* was brought into being, due, in some degree I may add, to my own prompting. Together, the *Bufora Journal* and *Journal TAP* cover the ufological spectrum in a practical, and, we trust, interesting manner. Long may they both continue!

Norman Oliver.

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## Obituaries

For eight years, from 1965 to 1973, John Cleary-Baker edited the *Bufora Journal*; indeed, it was I who succeeded him in the editorial chair, and, having been a fellow Committee member and friend of his since 1964, it was with much sorrow that I learnt of his recent death. In 1965, as he wrote in the *Journal* at the time, he had been 'pitchforked into the job at a moment's notice.' However, not only did he successfully produce that Spring issue at a moment's notice, but continued to do so punctiliously for a further eight years as regularly as clockwork. For those eight years of unstinted effort we owe a deep debt to John—*Ed*.

Dr Geoffrey Doel, past president of *Bufora*, and a close friend of his for many years, writes:—

"It is with great regret and deep sadness that we learn of the death of John Cleary-Baker in St Paul's Hospital, Winchester, on the 5th November. He passed away peacefully after many months of increasing ill health very bravely borne. Those of us who were associated with John during the many years he devoted to the study of 'ufology' in all its aspects will remember the leading part he played in the evolution of *Bufora* from its humble beginnings in *Luforo* and *Bufoa*. The

first Constitution of *Bufora* was drawn up under his hand. For many years he was a leading member of the Executive of *Bufora*, including editorship of the *Bufora Journal*.

In earlier years he obtained a Doctorate of Philosophy from an anciently established London College, and with his wide knowledge of matters literary and philosophical he helped to balance the tendency towards the purely scientific approach to the problem prevalent in *Bufora*.

His analytical mind and lively intelligence proved invaluable in the investigation and assessment of 'UFO' incidents and his quick wit and puckish sense of humour often enlivened meetings which otherwise were in danger of becoming dull, but he did not suffer fools gladly.

John never really recovered from the death of his beloved wife Vera a few years ago and this played no small part in the loss of his will to live which became so evident towards the end of his illness.

Personally I have lost a dear friend who made light of his sufferings, but whose body could not stand up to the ravages of a cruel and sustained illness.  
*Requiescat in Pace*, John, we shall miss you sadly."

Geoffrey Doel,  
11 November 1980.



It is also with the deepest regret that I record the death of former *Bufora* Chairman Captain E A I (Ivar) Mackay: indeed, barely a week had elapsed before word came of this further sad loss.

Ivar was prominent in *Association* affairs from the mid-sixties, being elected Chairman in 1967 and continuing in that office until 1971. I recall, too, that for many years he most meticulously and methodically housed and

updated our book and tape libraries, also recording the lectures at Kensington as well as throwing open his home for numerous Council meetings and doing his utmost to promote the welfare of the *Association*.

Also a prominent member of *Contact International (UK)*, Ivar was extremely knowledgeable in both UFO and Psychic spheres and, indeed, I had been looking forward to hearing his own Kensington talk on "Paranormal Nuts and Bolts," which regretfully he had to cancel because of his ill-health. I feel I have lost a personal friend and colleague and extend my sympathies to his family in their bereavement in the knowledge that many other *Bufora* members too will feel a deep sense of loss for a man greatly respected.

Norman Oliver,  
1 December 1980.

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### Kensington Lectures 1981

**Saturday, 7 March 1981** 7 pm.

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**Saturday, 4 April 1981:** 7 pm.

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*Speaker: Frank Johnson.*

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*AWARENESS*—The Journal of *Contact International (UK)*. Details from: Contact International (UK), 48 Crown Road, Wheatley, Nr Oxford, Oxon.

## 2nd London International UFO Congress

**Dates :** Sunday/Monday, 24/25 May, 1981 (Spring Bank Holiday)

**Venue :** Mount Royal Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1.

Full, finalised Congress details will be given in our next issue (*March/April*). Currently, the line-up of speakers and events, however, is almost complete, and whilst the following programme is as yet provisional, we do not anticipate any major amendments before finally dotting the i's and crossing the t's. Here it is:

### Sunday 24.5.81

- 09.30** Congress reception opens. Registration.  
Bookstall and Exhibition Area open.
- 10.00** Are you sure you have your facts right ?  
BOB DIGBY—BUFORA.
- 10.45** *Coffee Break*
- 11.15** Formal Opening of Congress:  
LORD KINGS NORTON—BUFORA PRESIDENT.
- 11.35** The Link between the Investigator and the Scientist  
BERTIL KUHLEMANN—SWEDEN.
- Lunch*
- 14.15** Reflections of an Editor  
CHARLES BOWEN—FSR.
- 15.00** The Livingston Close Encounter  
STUART CAMPBELL—BUFORA (Edinburgh).
- 16.00** *Tea Break*
- 16.30** Psychic Phenomena and UFOs. Is there a connection ?  
Group Discussion: Introduced by HILARY EVANS—SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH.
- 18.00** *End of Session*
- 19.30** *Congress Dinner*
- 21.30** Documentary Film.

### Monday 25.5.81

- 09.00** \*A Presentation of Close Encounter Experiences—incorporating experiences from Delegates  
NORMAN OLIVER, FRAS—BUFORA Journal Editor.
- 09.00** \*Discussion Groups
- 1 Viability of the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis.
  - 2 Radar/Visual Cases.
  - 3 Investigation Techniques.
  - 4 Formulation of Code of Ethics for UFO Investigators.
  - 5 Vehicle Interference.
  - 6 } Reserved for Delegates' topics not covered by 1 to 5.
  - 7 }
- \*Held concurrently in separate suites.

- 10.30 *Coffee Break*
- 11.00 The Possible Influence of Black Holes on Space Travel  
NIGEL HENBEST, FRAS.
- 12.00 Report from Provisional International Committee on UFO Research.
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 14.15 Changing Views on the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis (title provisional)  
DR BRUCE MACCABEE, PHD—UNITED STATES.
- 15.30 Reports from Discussion Groups
- 16.00 *Tea Break*
- 16.30 The Need for Collaboration—The Canadian Experience  
DAVID HASELL—Director UP INVESTIGATIONS  
RESEARCH INC—CANADA.
- 17.30 *Congress Summary.*
- 18.00 CLOSE OF 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

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As in 1979, a special combined Rail/Hotel/Congress 'Package' has been arranged through *Grand Metropolitan Hotels*. A complete price list is available from the Secretariat (address below), but typical examples are as follows:

Avon: £56·10. Cumbria: £68·59. Merseyside & Manchester: £63·32.  
Wiltshire: £54·61. Dyfed: £64·94. Central Scotland: £72·93.

(price includes return rail fare, Congress admission and overnight hotel accommodation).

We anticipate this second Congress will be of great interest, both to ufologists and the scientific establishment, so please make your reservations as early as possible. Send to: **UFO Congress Secretariat, 7 Stratford Place, London W1A 4YU.** Tel 01-629-6618 (Jeffrey Mansfield) in office hours. Evening phone nos for further information: *Lionel Beer* 01-723-0305. *Leslie Bayer* 04427 6140. *Peter Hill, Edinburgh* 0589 33720.

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# The Motunau Photograph

*In past Journals and at Kensington, by courtesy of Rocky Wood, Bufora members have followed the Kaikoura, New Zealand reports and photographs of 1979 with keen interest. It is therefore with pleasure that I here reprint an item which appeared in Xenolog UFO Magazine in its issue No 122 for Jan/March 1980 and thank F & P Dickeson, 33 Dee St Timaru, New Zealand for permission to publish. Xenolog is published quarterly and is full of extremely interesting reports and articles: write to the above address for current details.*

## Story and photographs by Xenolog

The latest photographic sensation in the NZ UFO field occurred on 27 October 1979, but came to light only in late January 1980.

The sketch map depicts the 1979 *Argosy* aircraft flight when David Crockett filmed the famous series of UFO activity in that area, later shown world-wide on television channels; the map shows the position of Motunau in relation to previous activity.

The world knows about UFO lights being photographed in 1979 off the Kaikoura coast. Now, ten months later, a brilliant, sparkling diamond UFO has been captured on colour slide in the same general area—all unbeknown to the photographer. It is interesting to note that the *Argosy* aircraft turned at about this point to follow the UFO in January 1979 (Fig 1).

## The Story

Prior to 27 October 1979, June and Norman Neilson of Motunau (pronounced MOW-TWO-NOW) bought a new fishing boat for their crayfishing business and were anxious to obtain a good photograph of the proud new acquisition.

Already two unsatisfactory colour films had been taken—one was underexposed, and the other badly torn in the

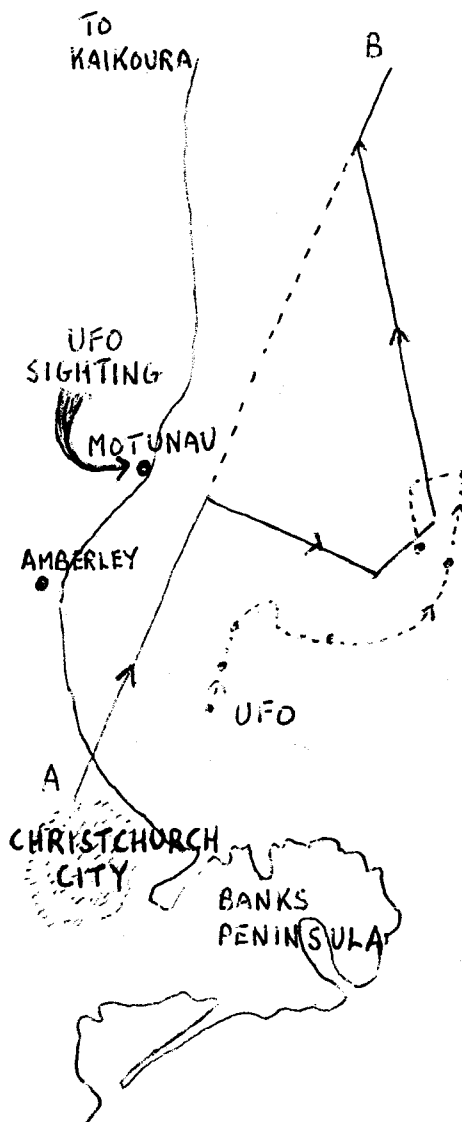


FIG 1



camera. Having bought another colour slide film and a loan of a 35mm *Olympus* f40mm camera, a friend, Lou Blackburn was asked to take photos of the boat going out of the tidal river mouth at sunrise on 27 October. (Boats can navigate the entrance three hours either side of full tide.)

Unfortunately, Lou (not professing to be a photographer) used the camera as it had been given to him—all set to aim and fire (in sunlight).

It was dawn, 6.15 am: the Sun had just risen over the sea—but the scene to be photographed was in deep shadow of the north-eastern hills. The new boat came past the jetty on its way down the incoming rising tide. Lou was ready, and in quick succession snapped three photographs as the boat passed his position. Later that warm, sunny day, he took more photographs as Norman Neilson returned with his boat from the open sea.

The film was duly processed in December and the slides returned. Holding them up to the light the first three were disappointing—the first shot didn't come out: the second was too dark and

there was no sign of the boat: the third was taken slap-bang into the rising sun. The boat was no good in any of these shots. However, the others taken later on the same film were much better. The slides were then put away.

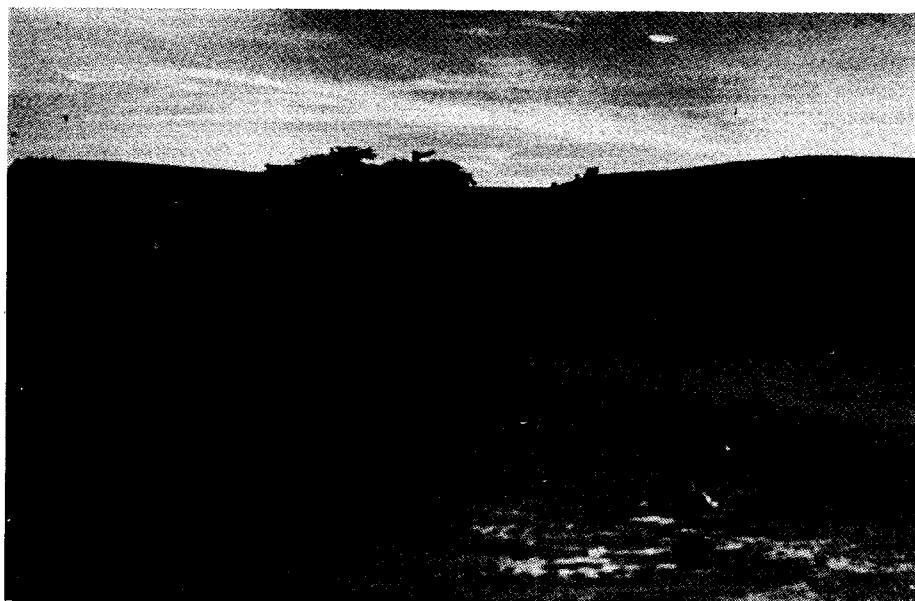
In January, another friend brought over a hand-held slide viewer and another look was taken at the slides. Suddenly the friend asked, "*What's that cluster of lights in the sky in this second slide?*" No one had noticed them before as all had been concentrating on the hoped-for photo of the boat. They then scrambled to borrow a slide projector and were amazed and puzzled to see the unusual formation of dazzling blue-white lights here shown.

On 15 January 1979, the Neilsons took their slide to the *Press* office in Christchurch to ask them what they thought it could be. A black and white slide copy was taken and a poor enlarged reproduction was printed in the *Press* on 16 January. All it showed was an indistinct white blue on a grey background of sky—and we also found out later it was printed back-to-front.

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(a) Area in daylight, taken 20 February, 1980. Shows the general view of hills and shoreline, now changed by recent high seas.



(b) Complete area of 35mm colour slide, showing UFO.

Having been sent several *Press* cuttings from Christchurch UFO enthusiasts, we contacted an area representative to negotiate for us with the paper for further details.

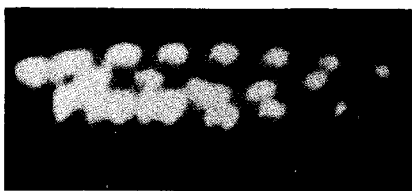
The *Press* kindly gave him, for *Xenolog*, a black and white negative of the colour slide and the names of the people to contact.

The actual size of the lights on this negative is about 1-1½mm, but through an enlarger, and printing the photo so that the clouds come out darker, exciting possibilities were revealed, so much so that the authors decided to contact the slide owners and duly went 260km from Timaru to Motunau. Motunau is 98km north of Christchurch on the east coast, 20km east of Scargill and 100km south of Kaikoura. All around the Motunau area there are very impressive deposits and outcrops of limestone hills and valleys.

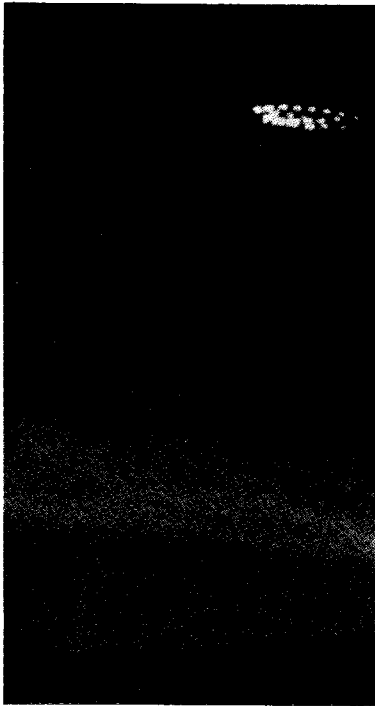
The day the Neilsons were in Christ-

church they endeavoured to interest the television people in the slide, but, being very busy with a big changeover and having no slide viewing equipment handy, it was passed off as being a flaw in the slide.

When we viewed the slide for the first time, we immediately noticed it had been reproduced the wrong way round in the *Press* and were intrigued with the sparkling, diamond-like clearness of the blue-white light radiating from the object. Closer scrutiny of the photograph revealed what appeared to be eight lights on the top, with six underneath and perhaps five more in between.

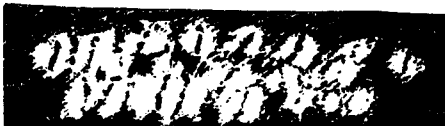


(c) UFO enlarged 70 times showing complexity of light pattern.



(d) Enlarged portion shows UFO 20 times larger than original on slide.

A very interesting discovery was made whilst enlarging from the B & W negative. The darker we printed the photos, the greater the tendency was for each light seemingly to split into two sources of light and not just one as at first thought.



The top row and all the others, except the two lower left lights, were blue-white in colour. The two lower left lights appeared to have a cream tinge about them. Between the two rows of lights on the extreme right, there appeared to be a large, purplish, hazy spot.

The rising sun would be lighting up the extreme right hand side, whereas on the extreme left that part would have been in shadow from the sun, but the lights in this area appeared to be brighter and more intense. Possibly the craft may have been shaped as in Fig. 2.

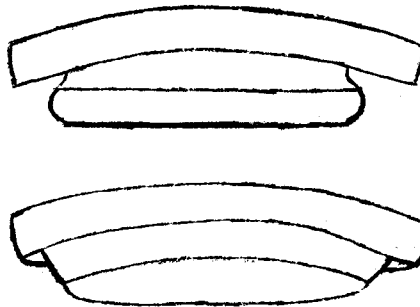


FIG 2

By holding up photograph (d) at arm's length, the reader will gain an approximate idea of the size of the craft. This enlargement has been made to what the size of the bush would be at arm's length when viewing the area during investigation. From the camera position, the bush on the hill was 60° E of Magnetic North.

When Lou Blackburn was photographing the boat, he did not see the lights in the sky, as he was concentrating on the fishing boat through the view-finder. The photo of the UFO appeared only on the second slide and was not on the others. The third slide

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## Lights in the Sky—An Exhibition

An Exhibition of paintings and drawings of UFOs opens on 25 February 1981, at the **Maclean Gallery, 35a St George St, Hanover Square, London W1**. Titled *Lights in the Sky*, it is the work of Michael Buhler, an artist keenly interested in ufology since 1967, who has recently made it a subject for his art.

To an artist the subject is a fascinating one, for several reasons. There is the problem of conveying the feelings felt by countless witnesses to close encounters, confronted with something real yet quite outside their normal frame of reference. This is particularly difficult because science fiction illustrations have made us feel quite at home with a galaxy of monsters and peculiar spaceships. One way in which the artist has attempted to overcome this, is by putting the UFO against very ordinary and everyday surroundings. As a pictorial subject, the UFO is most exciting as a source of luminosity and both in the drawings and paintings, light is the keynote. The effects of ionised air, beams of light and the varicoloured light displays on UFOs are fascinating as pictorial problems—to convey something of the luminosity and dazzle of their effects with nothing better than pigment ground up in oil. The artist has painted these pictures in an impressionist manner, purposefully avoiding the high technical details of contemporary science fiction illustrations and trying to retain the elusive and enigmatic character of UFOs.

As we know all too well, photographs of UFO events are often unsatisfactory and inconclusive. There are virtually no photographs that stand up to investigation and none of close encounters

of the third kind. It is therefore an area where the '*artist's impression*,' based on witness evidence is the only means of visually recreating the event. The drawings in this show are based on actual incidents taken from FSR and other specialist books and magazines. They are drawn with black conte crayon and are like blurry black and white photographs. The drawings are each composed of two or three frames as in a comic in order to describe the event in a narrative way from the moment the UFO was first observed to the climax of the encounter. The artist has not drawn many humanoids, as he has found that outside the world of UFO specialists, people are unable to take them seriously and the effect is therefore counter-productive. Our tradition of little green men from Mars, our mythologies of fairies, elves and monsters dating from the dawn of history to contemporary science fiction, make an almost insuperable obstacle to presenting humanoids as a serious proposition in art. Presumably we will have to wait until we have photographic images with first-rate credentials of humanoids, and only then will people begin to take them seriously.

This exhibition, running from 25 February to 20 March, is the first devoted entirely to UFOs, and the artist is hoping it will attract some interest from the general public. Michael Buhler is best known for his abstracted landscapes of the modern world, and examples of his work are in many public and private collections. He shows regularly at the *Royal Academy* and has had numerous one-man exhibitions in this country since studying at the *Royal College of Art* in the Sixties.

*Cover Photo: This work of Michael Buhler depicts an experience—Roadside Visitors—recounted in Bufora Journal Vol 3, No 12 and Canadian UFO Report Vol 2, No 4.*

# Aerial Phenomena over Britain on Dec 31, 1978

*A Preliminary Survey*

*J B Delair*

## Introduction

It appears an omission that *Bufora*—one of Britain's most prominent UFO organisations—has yet to publish a review of the remarkable observations made in British skies during the evening of 31 December 1978. The present paper attempts to rectify that situation.

## The Phenomena

Between approximately 6.30 and 7.30 pm on the above date, literally thousands of sightings were made all over the United Kingdom of one or more objects tailed by flames, fiery matter, luminous vapour or some similar matter. Some reports described the object/s as spherical, others as elongated or cigar shaped, and certain others as triangular. Various exotic descriptions compared these bodies to 'legless newts,' 'flying tadpoles' or to a 'double-decker bus.' In only one locality, however, was more than one object seen simultaneously. This and all the most reliable reports appear in the sightings-list given hereafter.

Most accounts stated that the object was silent, that it travelled on a level or flat trajectory and that it was extremely bright. Several descriptions mention lighted windows or doors in the object, and, collectively, a great variety of colours were ascribed to it. Indications of these are provided in *Figs 1 and 2*, which also illustrate some of the shapes drawn by eye-witnesses.

## Early Identifications and Time Lag

As several national and a large number of provincial newspapers published a variety of accounts of this phenomena on January 1st 1979 and the days immediately following, explanations

from various sources as to the real nature of the aerial visitor/s were not long in appearing. Thus, when local radio stations—Birmingham (BRMB) for example—also began receiving numerous first-hand reports, it was obvious that officialdom had to allay public consternation and so duly announced that the sightings were actually of COSMOS 1068's launcher unit re-entering and burning up in the Earth's atmosphere (1). Somewhat surprisingly, the only *Bufora* announcement apparently made about this event agreed with this Ministry of Defence identification (2). As matters turned out, this identification and the early *Bufora* agreement with it proved to be premature.

Also of interest is the apparent lack of association with this event accorded the various scattered sightings of otherwise essentially similar objects, recorded at sporadic intervals in later *Bufora* publications (see list of sightings following), for the same times and date.

This latter factor is undoubtedly due to the well known 'time lag' that occurs between the observation of some widespread phenomenon and the gathering in and analysis of all those observations and their subsequent publication. The present subject has proved to be a very good instance of this factor at work.

So far as this writer is aware, the only statement approximating to reality about this event appeared in *Northern UFO News* (3). In the February 1979 issue of that magazine, we read that some 43 separate reports had been received from the northern counties of

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Britain covered by that journal, and that several still photographs and one movie film had been taken of the phenomenon. The same source also tells us that most of the reports centred on 7.15 pm (which is demonstrably erroneous): that the object left a pink or orange trail (only partially correct): that it was silent and flew on a course parallel to the Earth's surface (which was correct) and that the object was large, cylindrical, silver in colour and had a row of blue windows along its side (again only partially correct). The account concluded with a note that 'developments would be watched,' although to date no further comments on the events of the evening in question have appeared in that journal.

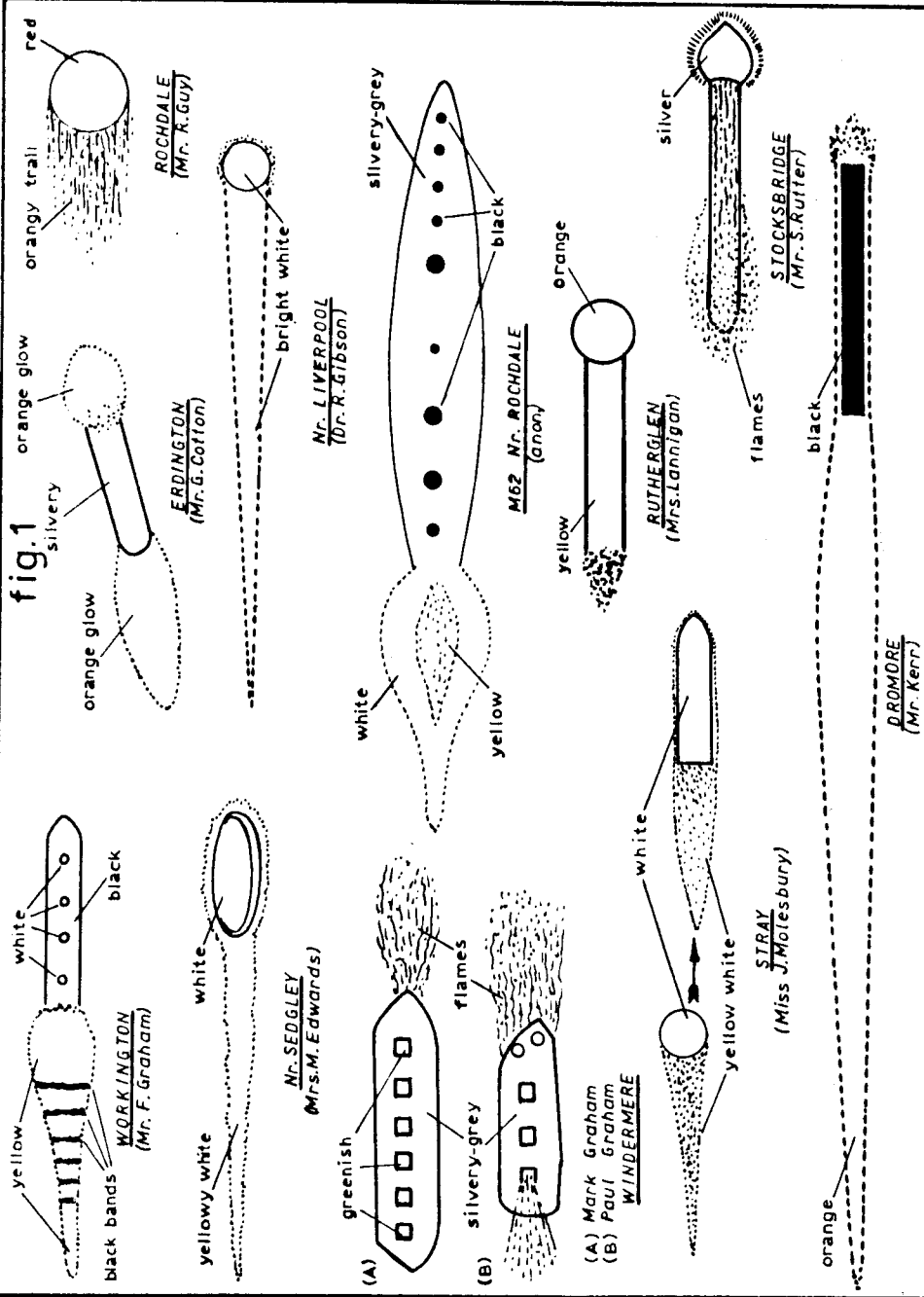
The aforementioned photographic evidence, which this writer has not seen, is reported to have been shown on the *News at One* television programme on 1st January 1979.

## The Reports

There follows a list of nearly 200 reports from various parts of the United Kingdom, culled from a number of published sources and the archives of *Contact International (UK)*. Some of the sightings have been heavily investigated, some less so and others not at all. However, this erratic treatment apparently diminishes in significance so far as the events of 31 December 1978 are concerned, since eyewitness accounts of investigated, partially investigated and non-investigated sightings collectively offer a remarkable consistency of detail, and it seems fairly clear that all the reports really do refer to the same phenomenon. All the reports, irrespective of how far each has been investigated, are therefore complementary and supplementary to one another. Sources used are cited where appropriate.

Report No	Times (all pm)	Locality	Direction	Phenomenon	Principal Witness/s
1	6.15	Welling, Greater London	S-SE	Red Sphere	Miss Montague
2	c. 6.30	Grangemouth, Central	NW-SE	Pulsating white light	Mr McLachlan
3	6.45	Waddington, Lincs	—	2 round yellow lights (19)	—
4	6.48	Crewe, Cheshire	—	White, tadpole-like (21)	—
5	6.53	Sunderland, Tyne & Wear	—	Cigar trailing smoke (11)	Mr Stoker (+)
6	6.55	" " "	—	Cylindrical, with tail	Mr White (+)
7	6.55	" " "	E-SE	Cigar-shaped	Mr Stoker
8	c. 6.55	Whitburn, Tyne & Wear	—	Silvery object with tail	Mrs Little
9	6-7	Lisburn, Antrim	—	Yellow light with tail	Mr McFadden
10	7.00	Wigan, Lincs	—	Black object with tail (22)	—
11	7.00	Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk	—	Cigar-like (7)	Mr Dick (+)
12	7.00	Cromer, Norfolk	—	'Airship'-like (6, 12, 17 & 17a)	—
13	7.00	Cromer, Norfolk	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Dibble
14	7.00	Skegness, Lincs	—	Cigar-like (6, 12, 17, and 17a)	—
15	7.00	Warrington, Cheshire	—	Round white light	Mrs Antib
16	7.00	Blackburn, Lincs	W-E	Elongated object	Mr West
17	7.00	Blackpool, Lincs	W-E	Round whitish object	Mrs Johns
18	7.00	Liverpool, Merseyside	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Blackburn
19	7.00	Carlisle, Cumbria	—	Tailed cigar (19)	—
20	7.00	" " "	W-E	Triangular object	Miss Destle
21	7.00	Reading, Berks	E-N	Elongated object (1)	Mr Teal
22	7.00	Birmingham, W. Midlands	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Pledge
23	7.00	" " "	W-E	Round white object	Mrs Maxwell
24	7.00	Sheffield, S Yorks	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Stanmore
25	7.00	Stockbridge, S Yorks	W-E	Lollipop-shaped	Mr Rutter
26	7.00	Preston, Lincs	W-E	Windowed object with tail	Mr Acott
27	7.00	M6 near Preston, Lincs	—	Cigar-like (then oval)	Mr Key
28	7.00	Litcham, Norfolk	—	Red and green cigar (20)	—
29	7.00	Gorleston, Norfolk	—	Elongated object (6, 17a)	—
30	7.00	London	E-NW	Elongated object	Mr Attlee
31	7.00	Bristol, Avon	E-N	" "	(anon)
32	7.00	Manchester, Gtr Manchester	W-E	" "	(anon)
33	7.00	" " "	W-E	" "	Mrs Adell
34	7.00	" " "	W-E	" "	Mr Kent
35	7.00	Wadebridge, Cornwall	W-E	Round object with tail	Mr Jones
36	7.00	Perranporth, Cornwall	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Spencer
37	7.00	Penzance, Cornwall	W-E	Yellow elongated object	Mrs Lewis
38	7.00	Looe, Cornwall	W-E	Round white object	(anon)

fig.1



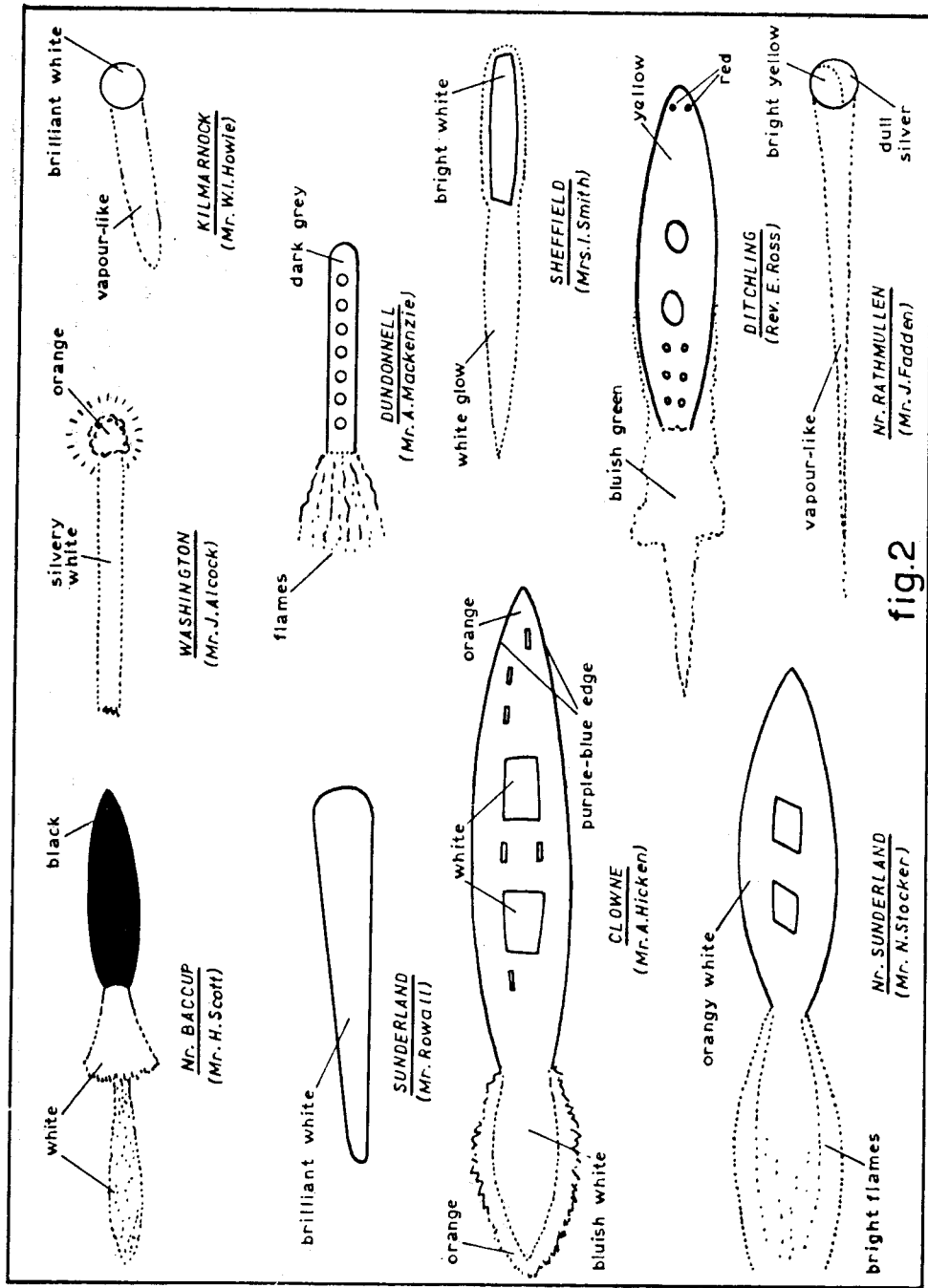


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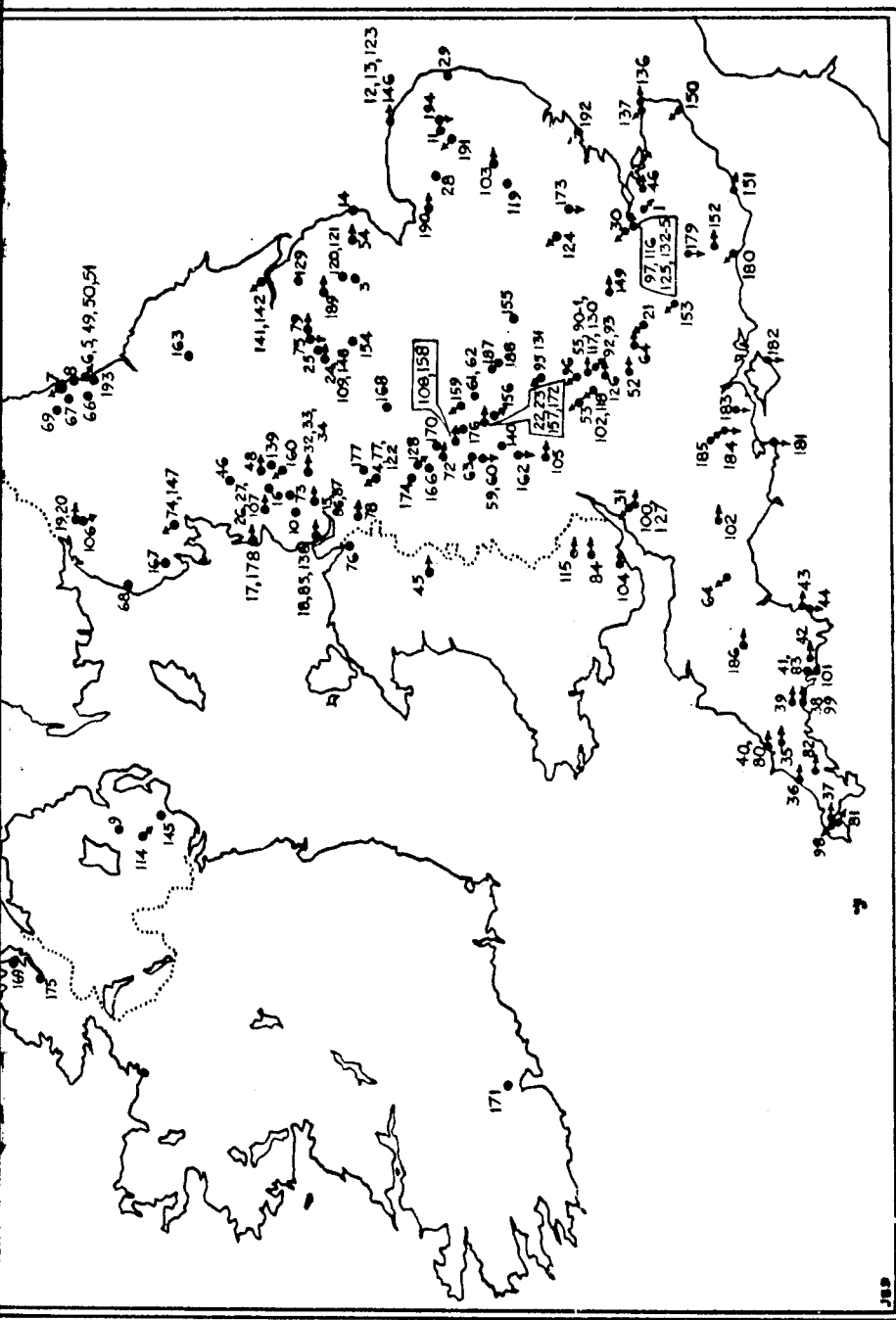
Report No	Times (all pm)	Locality	Direction	Phenomenon	Principal Witness/s
39	7.00	Liskeard, Cornwall	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Tanton
40	7.00	Newquay, Cornwall	W-E	Round yellow object	Mr Stanton
41	7.00	Plymouth, Devon	W-E	Round white object	Mr Jenkins
42	7.00	Plympton, Devon	W-E	" "	Mr Seccombe
43	7.00	Torpoint, Devon	W-E	Elongated object	Mrs Cale
44	7.00	" "	S-W	Round yellow object	Mr Jeffs
45	7.00	Welshpool, Powys	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Turner
46	7.00	Antwhistle, Lancs	W-E	Round yellow object	(anon)
47	7.00	Rochester, Kent	W-E	Round white object	(anon)
48	7.00	Burnley, Lancs	—	Cf 'double-decker bus' (5)	—
49	7.00	Sunderland, Tyne & Wear	—	Enormous rocket-like	Mrs Evans (+)
50	7.00	" "	NW-S	Cf 'Legless newt'	Mrs Rowell (+)
51	7.00	" "	—	Rocket-shaped	Mr Crouch
52	7.00	Harwell, Oxon	W-E	Elongated white object	Miss Hawkins
53	7.00	Carterton, Oxon	E-NW	Elongated yellow object	—
54	7.00	Candlewick, Lincs	W-E	Elongated white object	—
55	7.00	Oxford, Oxon	W-E	Round yellow object	Mr Masters
56	7.00	Glasgow, Strathclyde	W-E	Elongated white object	(anon)
57	7.00	" "	W-E	" "	Mrs Payne
58	7.00	Bishopbriggs, Strathclyde	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Parkin
59	7.00	Sedgley, W Midlands	—	Long lighted object	Mr Cole (+)
60	7.00	Nr Sedgley, W Midlands	—	Tailed sphere	Mr Edwards (+)
61	7.00	Coleshill, W Midlands	—	Red oblong object	Mr Bennett
62	7.00	" "	N-S	White sphere with vapour	Mr Norbury
63	7.00	Wolverhampton, W Midlands	—	Glowing silver object	Mr Hampton
64	7.00	Sheldon, Devon	E-N	Elongated object	Mr Laing
65	7.00	Streatley, Berks	W-E	Flying orange 'flame'	Mr Fennyhough
66	7.00	Washington, Tyne & Wear	—	Orange sphere	Mr Alcock
67	7.00	'Wearside', Tyne & Wear	—	Cylindrical object (13, 18)	—
68	7.00	Distington, Cumbria	—	Black cigar-like	Mr F Graham
69	7.00	Nr Barmston, Tyne & Wear	—	Tailed comet-like	Mr J Alcock (+)
70	7.00	Dundonnell, Ross-shire	NW-SE	Cigar-like object	Mr A Mackenzie
71	7.00	Nr Shortlees, Kilmarnock	NE-NNE	Sphere with vapour	Mr W Howie
72	c. 7.00	M6 near Stafford, Staffs	W-E	Tailed glowing object (8)	—
73	7.00	Tockholes, nr Darwen, Lancs	—	Elongated object with a tail	Mr J Shannon
74	c. 7.00	Windermere, Cumbria	—	Cigar-like with windows	Mr M Graham (+)
75	c. 7.00	Warmsworth, S Yorkshire	N-S	Green globe, tailed	Mr Wain (+)
76	c. 7.00	Connah's Quay, Clwyd	—	Tailed red cigar	Mrs M Orme
77	7.00	Crewe, Cheshire	—	Red, cigar-shaped	—
78	7.01	Chester, Cheshire	W-E	Round white object	Mr Ross (+)
79	7.01	Doncaster, S Yorkshire	W-E	Round white object	Mr Jones
80	7.01	Newquay, Cornwall	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Prescott
81	7.01	Newlyn, Cornwall	W-E	White elongated object with windows	Mr Jocey
82	7.01	Truro, Cornwall	W-E	Elongated object (16)	(anon)
83	7.01	Plymouth, Devon	S-W	Round yellow object	Mr Parker
84	7.01	Pontypool, Gwent	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Blewdon
85	7.02	Liverpool, Merseyside	—	Tailed white sphere	Mrs Stone
86	7.02	Warrington, Cheshire	W-E	" "	Mrs Hale
87	7.02	" "	W-E	Elongated red bar	Mr Tate
88	7.02	Glasgow, Strathclyde	W-E	Tailed white light	Mrs Cox
89	7.02	" "	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Tate
90	7.02	Oxford, Oxfordshire	W-E	" "	Mrs Tole
91	7.02	" "	W-E	" "	(anon)
92	7.02	" "	W-E	" "	Mr Searle
93	7.02	" "	E-N	Round white object	Mr Andie
94	7.02	Cumnor, Oxfordshire	E-N	Elongated object	Miss James
95	7.02	Banbury, Oxfordshire	E-NW	" "	Miss Amy
96	7.02	Kidlington, Oxfordshire	E-N	" "	Miss Maisie
97	7.02	London	W-E	Round blue object	Mr O'Leary
98	7.02	Penzance, Cornwall	E-N	Elongated object	Mrs Smith
99	7.02	Looe, Cornwall	W-E	Elongated object with windows	Mr Macanter
100	7.02	Bristol, Avon	E-N	White round object	Mr Priest
101	7.02	Devonport, Devon	S-NW	Yellow round object	Mr Kent
102	7.02	Yeovil, Somerset	W-E	Triangular silver object	Mr Meek
103	7.02	Stanton, Suffolk	W-E	White round object	Mrs Steel
104	7.02	Castleton, Gwent	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Longbridge
105	7.02	Wormington, Gloucester	W-E	" "	Mrs Dunn
106	7.02	Carlisle, Cumbria	N-SE	" "	Mrs Ranter
107	7.02	Preston, Lancashire	W-E	" "	Mr Longhorn
108	7.02	Cannock, Staffordshire	W-E	" "	Mrs Carter
109	7.02	Sheffield, S Yorkshire	W-E	Round yellow object	Mrs Price
110	7.02	Aberdeen, Grampian	W-E	Elongated object	—
111	7.02	Edinburgh, Lothian	W-E	Triangular white object	Mrs McClanark
112	7.03	Glasgow, Strathclyde	NW-E	Round white object	Mr Manton
113	7.03	Prestwick, Strathclyde	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Kane
114	7.03	Banbridge, Co Down	NNE-SSE	Tailed yellow object	Mr McFadden
115	7.03	Abergavenny, Gwent.	W-E	Elongated object	Mrs Peene
116	7.03	London	W-E	" "	Mrs Peak

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fig.3



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Report No	Times (all pm)	Locality	Direction	Phenomenon	Principal Witness/s
117	7.03	Oxford, Oxfordshire	E-N	Elongated object	Mr Pate
118	7.03	Cumnor, Oxfordshire	E-N	" "	Mr Harp
119	7.03	Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk	—	" "	Mr Cox
120	7.03	Lincoln, Lincolnshire	—	Rectangular object (21)	—
121	7.04	" "	—	Tapering oval (21)	—
122	7.04	Crewe, Cheshire	E-N	Blue-green cigar	Mr Pollock
123	7.04	Cromer, Norfolk	—	Rocket-like	—
124	7.04	Baldock, Hertfordshire	E-N	Cylindrical object	Mrs Stevenson
125	7.04	London	E-NW	Elongated object	Miss Prentice
126	7.04	Abingdon, Oxfordshire	W-E	Round white object	Mrs Dear
127	7.04	Bristol, Avon	W-E	" "	Mr Rock
128	7.04	Hanford, Staffordshire	NW-SE	Elongated object (10)	Mr Darby
129	7.04	Scunthorpe, Humberside	—	Comet-like (21)	—
130	7.05	Oxford, Oxfordshire	W-E	Tailed sphere	Mr Hazette
131	7.05	Banbury, Oxfordshire	E-NW	Tailed round object	Mr Tapper
132	7.05	London	E-N	Elongated object with windows	Mrs MacKinnon
133	7.05	" "	W-E	Tailed round object	Mr Dunton
134	7.05	" "	W-E	" "	Mr Dale
135	7.05	" "	W-E	Tailed yellow globe	(many)
136	7.05	Margate, Kent	W-E	Tailed round object	Mr Armitage
137	7.05	" "	E-NW	Elongated object (4)	Miss Childs
138	7.05	Nr Liverpool, Merseyside	—	Tailed sphere	Dr R Gibson
139	7.05	A671, nr Bacup, Lancs	—	Diffuse object with flaming tail	Mr Scott
140	7.05	Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	—	Red oblong object	Mr Fletcher (+)
141	7.05	Hull, Humberside	E-NW	Elongated silvery object	Mr Cott
142	7.05	" "	E-N	Silver triangular object	Mrs Cuttle
143	7.05	Aberdeen, Grampian	W-E	Cigar-shaped object	Mrs Dale
144	7.05	Sandport, Kinross, Tayside	—	Oval object	Mr Stewart
145	7.05	Dromore, Co Down	—	Rocket-like	Mr Kerr
146	7.06	Cromer, Norfolk	—	Elongated object	—
147	7.07	Windermere, Cumbria	E-N	" "	Mrs Cole
148	7.07	Sheffield, S Yorkshire	—	" "	Mrs Smith
149	7.07	High Wycombe, Buckingham	—	" "	Mr Hale
150	7.07	Dover, Kent	E-N	" "	Mrs Merck
151	7.07	Bexhill, E Sussex	W-E	Tailed round object	Mr Kape
152	7.08	Ditchling, E Sussex	W-E	Windowed cigar-like	Rev E Ross
153	7.08	Haslemere, Surrey	E-NW	Round red object	Mr Pearson
154	7.10	Clowne, Derbyshire	N-NW	Torpedo-shaped	Mr Hicken (+)
155	c. 7.10	Quinton, Northamptonshire	—	Elongated object	Mr Trotter
156	7.10	Erdington, W Midlands	NW-SE	Cigar-like with tail	Mr Cotton
157	7.10	Nr Birmingham, W Midlands	—	Fiery object	Mr Rockett
158	7.10	Cannock, Staffordshire	W-E	White globe	Mr Ball
159	7.10	Tamworth, Staffordshire	E-N	Three elongated objects	Mr Iwanici
160	c. 7.10	Rochdale, Lancashire	N-E	Spiky sphere	Mr Guy
161	7.10	Rutherglen, Strathclyde	—	Orange sphere	Mr Lannigan
162	7.12	Peopleton, Worcestershire	N-S	Blue-green sphere	Mr Bridger
163	7.15	Stray, Yorkshire	—	White sphere becoming cigar-like	Miss Molesbury (+)
164	7.15	Howood, Renfrewshire	—	Whitish orb becoming cigar-like	Mr Tipple (+)
165	7.25	Unlocalised area in Strathclyde	—	Tailed white light (21)	—
166	7.30	Stafford, Staffordshire	—	Tailed round object	—
167	8.30	Kirkbridge, Cumbria	—	Oval green object (21)	—
168	c. 8.30	Nr the Derby/Staffs border	—	Long white object	Mr Beeston (+)
169	c. 9.00	Nr Rathmullen, Co Donegal	—	Tailed yellow globe	Mr Faddon (+)
170	c. 11.50	Bentilee, Staffordshire	—	White sphere (3)	Mrs Buchanan
171	11.55	Ballincollig, Co Cork	E-E*	Red sphere	Mr Dunne
172	11.56	Yardley, W Midlands	—	Pink sphere	—
173	c. midnight	Buntingford, Hertfordshire	N-E	Brownish-red sphere	Miss Durning
174	" evening	A3 N of Newcastle, Staffs	—	Segmented object (3)	Mr Edwards
175	"	Letterskenny, Co Donegal	—	Tailed sphere	Mr McFadden
176	"	Walsall, W Midlands	W-E	Elongated object (15)	—
177	"	Sandbach, Cheshire	—	" (2)	—
178	"	Blackpool, Lancashire	—	" (2)	—
179	"	Balcombe, W Sussex	N-S	Greenish-blue globe	Mr Brown
180	"	Brighton, E Sussex	—	Long yellowy object	Mr Trafford (+)
181	"	Swanage, Dorset	N-S	Tailed greenish orb	Mrs Redfield
182	"	Shanklin, Isle of Wight	—	Tailed greenish orb	Miss Clements
183	"	Burley, Hampshire	N-S	Greenish-blue globe	Mr Pensfold
184	"	Harbridge, Hampshire	N-S	Tailed green sphere	Mr Acroyd
185	"	Rockbourne, Hampshire	NW-SE	" "	Miss Price
186	"	Oakhampton, Devon	W-E	Elongated object	Mr Macey
187	"	Kinsall Green, Warwick	—	" (9)	(several)
188	"	Nr Ashby, Dordon, Warwick	—	" (9)	(several)
189	"	Gainsborough, Nottingham	W-E	" "	Mr Leighton (+)
190	"	King's Lynn, Norfolk	W-E	" "	Mrs Corbett (+)
191	"	Wymondham, Norfolk	—	" "	Mr Fortiscue
192	"	Clacton, Essex	E-N	" "	Mr Belton
193	"	Grangetown, Tyne & Wear	—	" (14)	Mr Smith

\* Zigzagged between these compass points

## Duration of Sightings

Generally speaking, percipients stated that they observed the phenomenon for 'several seconds' or 'quite some time,' while not a few estimated the duration as appreciably longer, viz: 30 seconds (154), c.40 seconds (138), 1 minute (50), c.1 minute (114), c.2 minutes (70), 2½ minutes (7), 2-3 minutes (128), 3-4 minutes (1), 5 minutes (25) and c.5 minutes (5): others merely described the object/s as moving slowly or at a leisurely pace. Although eyewitness estimates of this type are notoriously unreliable, it is nevertheless clear that the phenomenon was—at least over many localities—visible for a much longer time than would be, say, a meteor or fireball.

## Size of Object/s

Many observers remarked upon the huge size of the phenomenon, many describing it as gigantic, colossal or immense. At least three reports state that the glowing or fiery tail stretched ½ of the way across the heavens, and although this appears to have been an emission rather than a part of the actual object/s, it undoubtedly contributed to the general impression of enormity.

## Height and Trajectory

Over 50% of the reports state that the object/s travelled horizontally and at no great altitude, some witnesses expecting it, indeed, to crash at any moment. In fact, no reports of crashes were made, and the phenomenon was still proceeding towards the mainland of Europe at low altitude when seen by airline pilots over the North Sea en route to Amsterdam (4). The low altitude factor may have been partly responsible for the great apparent size of the phenomenon.

## Noise

With very few exceptions (eg, 'hissed' (71) and 'sighed' (180)), observers agreed that, despite visible flames, sparks, smoke and vapour effects, the object/s emitted no noise at all. This, coupled with the apparent great size and low altitude of the phenomenon (see foregoing) is truly remarkable.

## Variety of Objects

Perusal of the list of reports discloses three principal types of object: (i) elongated objects resembling cigars, rockets or torpedoes (one report—12—likened it to an airship): (ii) spheres or globes, and (iii) triangular objects. A few isolated reports ascribe oblong and bar-shaped configurations, and one describes a globe as 'spiky.' Very probably these are local variants of the main types just listed. As nearly all reports ascribe a long fiery or luminous tail to all the objects, the general impression of an 'elongated object' (see reports list) was widespread.

Accounts describing the phenomenon as 'lollipop-like': like a 'tapering oval' or like a 'legless newt' are thus more understandable when the presence of this lengthy tail is allowed for. Some reports, however, refer only to a 'comet like' object (129) or to a 'flying flame' (65), while others specifically mention the object/s as black (10, 68, etc). The obscuration or sporadic fading out of the main object/s would readily account for the variety of submitted observations. The 'segmented' effect seen near Newcastle (74), is perhaps explainable as a sighting of the black-banded luminous tail only such as was associated with an object noted over Workington (see Fig 1). It seems very clear that the object/s did not appear in consistent clarity to every witness.

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## Colours

A wide spectrum of colours was reported, although in general white or yellowy-orange tinges were attributed to the most elongated object/s; green, blue or greenish-blue (but also pink, red or brownish-red) to spherical object/s and white or silver to triangular object/s. *See Figs 1 and 2 for further details of colours.* Colours do not appear to have been related to speeds or altitudes, while some reported colours may well have been partially due to the inability of eyewitnesses to differentiate accurately between different (or the more subtle) tones.

## Directions of Flight

Summarised in Fig 3, these clearly show that at least three different objects proceeded in three different directions, viz: W-E (including NW to SE), N-S (including N-SSE and NNE to SSE), and E-N (including E-NW). A number of other directions were also reported (E-SE, S-SE, S-W and NE-NNE, E-E, etc), which, though they may well be eyewitness errors, all share a common factor—they only involve small segments of sky. In that respect it is perhaps significant that at least three of *these* reports (7, 83 and 171) state that the phenomenon 'arced' or 'zig-zagged about' in a small area of sky before disappearing from view. Also noteworthy are some virtually simultaneous reports made by independent witnesses in different parts of a particular locality of radically different objects proceeding in different directions (reports 43, 44, 136 and 137, are good instances of this). The three elongated objects seen flying in parallel over Tamworth (159) are less easily interpreted, although the two round, yellow lights seen over Waddington (3) may ultimately prove to have quite mundane origins.

## A Precedent and A Conclusion

A rather similar phenomenon graced British skies on the evening of 24 March 1955, and was exhaustively studied by Arthur Constance, who published his findings the next year (5). As on the present occasion, a multiplicity of directions were then reported for the object or objects by hosts of credible witnesses, who included trained and professional observers. In 1955 the phenomenon was officially dismissed as a big meteor. Constance conclusively proved otherwise and that in all probability, it was some type of extraterrestrial visitor. The official explanation of the December 31 1978 phenomenon is that it was the booster rocket of Cosmos 1068 burning up on re-entering Earth's atmosphere. The foregoing details reveal this to be a grossly unsatisfactory explanation.

The events detailed by Constance occupied a relatively short (approx  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour) period of time: those dealt with here occupied a far longer period (at least 5 hours if all the listed reports are reliably timed). Even Constance's relatively short period was certainly too long for a re-entering booster rocket to be pottering about in our skies, while the present 5-hour period is absurdly overlong for such an event. One might also add that re-entering satellite hardware does not zigzag and leap about when burning up.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that the numerous sightings over Britain on the evening of December 31, 1978, were not of Cosmos 1068's booster rocket: that they related to at least three different objects proceeding in quite different directions: that these flights were occurring simultaneously but at comparatively slow speeds: that the objects travelled horizontally at low altitudes: that they were virtually silent and that in some areas they meandered

about the heavens in a manner no re-entering satellite could emulate. Eye-witness drawings, viewed collectively, show artificial shapes for many of the objects (see Figs 1 and 2), from which it is possible to further conclude that the objects were of alien or extra-terrestrial origin.

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#### *The Motunau UFO Photograph*

showed the bush on the hill but there was no sign of the UFO. Time estimated between the 2nd and 3rd photo was between 5 and 10 seconds.

We were satisfied that the three persons involved, June and Norman Neilson and Lou Blackburn, were all sincere, honest, down-to-earth folk. They had never been interested in anything to do with UFOs before.

Both editors were members of the RNZAF Photographic Section, and have been professional photographers for many years. After careful scrutiny, to us the colour slide is genuine, the authenticity of the photograph unquestionable. It is a genuine photo of a UFO under existing cloud formation when the sun had risen a few degrees above the horizon.

C—F & P Dickeson,  
*Xenolog.*

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**Report Extra!** has been omitted from this issue through lack of space—and for no other reason. *Kensington Lecture Reviews* have suffered also. Both will be resumed in the March/April '81 *Journal*.

## From here —and there

Norman Oliver



### UFO 'Vampires'

According to the *World Weekly News* of 26 August 1980, Nelson Sayego, of Santa Rosa, Argentina, claims that when he was driving home along a country lane a 'black shape' hovered over his car. The engine stalled, lights went out and as he alighted he was frozen in his tracks. 'It felt like I was in a vacuum.'

Sayego then avers that two glowing, faceless figures appeared beside him: one covered his face with its hands, which were large with long, cold fingers: then, something was stuck to his head and blood was drained off. Weakened, he passed out. Sayego was found on the hood of his car, screaming for help.

### Californian Uforia

23-year-old US TV star actress Cindy Williams, of *Laverne and Shirley* fame, who herself lays claim to a 'saucer sighting' when on a high school religious retreat in the Bernadine Mountains some years back, is breaking into films. Her first, appropriately enough about a woman who sees spaceships and titled "Uforia," is being filmed in the area where she had her own experience of UFOs.

### Alpha to Omega

I record with regret that *Alpha*, the "independent magazine covering the paranormal and other aspects of reality as yet excluded from acceptance by orthodox science," went into print for the

last time with its issue No 9 for October 1980. Produced by its co-editors David Harvey and Roy Stemman, its pages contained some of the most readable, factual and well-presented articles on psychic, Fortean and UFO phenomena it has been my pleasure to read. To quote from its last editorial: "*We still strongly believe that a magazine like Alpha is needed to cut a clear path of honest common sense through the prejudice and bigotry that mar so much of the coverage given to the paranormal —by both believers and detractors who have already made up their minds.*" So do I . . . .

### UFO 'Flat'

. . . . And in that final *Alpha* issue, Lionel Beer, in his *Ufo Report* so headed his first item, pointing out that during 1980 we'd been going through a remarkably 'flat' period of sightings—which was certainly true at that time. I'm delighted to say, though, that things are now picking up—indeed, I myself received at least half-a-dozen varied accounts over the phone during the second week of November. Those half dozen certainly sounded interesting, but when Venus next appears on the scene—help!

### True, True

I was about to slate the US magazine *TRUE UFOs* for publishing in their issue No 19, an illustration 'lifted' from a *Bufora Report Extra* item—*Strange Encounter at Church Stowe*—without reference, without acknowledgement and, indeed, without any real connection with their article, when *TRUE UFOs* No 20 dropped through my letterbox.

Inside, in an article "*Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind*" was to be found a summary of the Taunton 'Mrs V' abduction and rape case featured in *B7*



Vol 8, Nos 2 and 3. And—there was a full acknowledgement of source together with Bufora's address: so—proposed 'slating' withdrawn.

Full title *TRUE UFOs & Outer Quarterly*, its 4 issues per year cost \$10 from 23 West 26th St. New York, NY 10010. Though a 'popular' type of presentation it contains a number of interesting and varied articles.

### Well, well

One silver, humming cigar: unusual smell—like burning matches. An August '79 report received from a 12-year-old schoolboy who gave contradictory colours for a 'revolving dome' and showed the time of the occurrence as 12.15 am instead of 12.15 pm. He also stated he was a Qualified Investigator (*Ufoin*).

### Joker—1.

An anonymous letter from the Romford area received on 25 September '80 purported to tell Bufora of a UFO encounter near Salisbury, Wilts five days previously. The writer, who 'works for the government' (*sic*) says it was around 12-2.00 am (*a trifle vague*), when his headlights faded, he heard a whistling sound and saw a UFO. Including a drawing of ye olde classic UFO with the report, our claimant also "*noticed a symbol of some kind which led me to believe it was a secret weapon.*" (Surprise, surprise—the Socorro sign)! Given a couple of telepathic messages in '*a strange language*,' our hero finally discovered they were in Latin and now only wishes he had had camera and a witness (*sic*) to support him. So do I, mate, so do I . . . .!

### Joker—2

Introducing the 'gentleman' who has been ringing me up between 1 am and 3 am over the last four or five months

and saying nothing, or at most, a sepulchral 'hello,' presumably under the impression that I'm going to take his infantile proceedings seriously and conclude I'm being contacted by aliens or persecuted by MIB! Sorry chum—no luck! I *have* been able to find out a bit about you, though, and if these nocturnal nuisances don't cease you'll either find your name printed in these pages, on a summons or both. Happy New Year!

### Those 'alien bodies'

Bufora member M Foley of Bicester sent me a cutting from a US paper, *The Globe*, which shows that the press release by Dennis Pilichis of photos of alleged alien bodies (mentioned in Vol 9, No 3) is bearing fruit. Pilichis, Charles Wilhelm and Dr Williard McIntyre, *The Globe* states, have quizzed the photographer—a veteran US Navy photographer who has kept them secret for 32 years—and say that: "*We've had them analysed and there appears to be no sign of deception,*" adding however, that "*If the future produces any evidence the photos are bogus, we will be the first to tell the public.*"

The photographer claims that the wreckage of a crashed UFO was investigated by US and Mexican military personnel and then divided between the two governments, also that a charred body shown in the photo, as well as several others, is still in the possession of the American government.

Well, the newspaper reproduction is certainly better than the photocopy I originally received, but without seeing actual prints and copies of the other 40-odd photos said to have been taken way back in 1948, I, for one, would not like to pass judgement.

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## MIB in a Mist

*Quarterly Report* 2/80 from *Suomen Ufotutkijat ry*, *The UFO Research of Finland*, includes details of a regressive hypnosis/abduction case still being researched. Aino Ivanoff, aged 52, the *Report* states, experienced a two-hour abduction on 2 April 1980. She was driving along a country road near Pudasjarvi in the north of Finland after midnight, and at 1.15 am crossed a bridge, immediately afterwards entering a 'strange fog,' whilst at the same time her car lights were directed upwards. Stopping the car she saw a domed, aluminium coloured object with oval portholes.

Taken inside (details not given), she was examined on a metallic table by three men dressed in black: there was no other furniture. When returned to her car, the 'fog' was still there and remained with her most of the way back home. A time lapse of two hours had occurred. After the incident she was extremely tired for a week and found five small dots on her right shoulder. She claims to have been given a message 'supporting peace' and 'opposing war' and to have been told that 'men in black are unable to get children . . . .'

Presumably 'get' is a mis-translation for 'have,' and even from the scanty details given many comparisons and questions spring to mind. The full account is awaited with interest.

## Frontiers of Science

Forget what appeared in the last *Journal* about Hynek's *International UFO Reporter* and the magazine *Probe*.

A letter to subscribers from Dr Hynek appeared in the July/August '80 edition of *Frontiers of Science/Second Look/IUR*: the following is an extract:

"I wish to apologise for the unfor-giveable goof up that followed our association with *Probe* magazine.

"We might have forgiven them their inability to correctly mail copies of the publication to our subscribers, but we could not condone the lack of scientific quality in their publication. Nor was the *International UFO Reporter* featured as a complete entity as I specified by our agreement with *Probe*. We have therefore severed the relationship with them.

" . . . . We have merged with the magazine *Frontiers of Science* (formerly known as *Second Look*). We are satisfied that the new publication will examine and report on the UFO controversy in a reliable fashion.

"The publication will be owned by the *Center for UFO Studies* so that we can be assured that the *IUR* will be given the presentation and positioning it deserves . . . ."

All straight now? Good!

## Thanks Folks

My thanks to Lindy Whitehurst, Lou Farish and others, not to mention the various magazines we exchange with, for material used Here, There—and Elsewhere in this *Journal*. For those interested, Lou Farish's Newsclipping Service provides a regular update on the US (and overseas) UFO and Fortean scene. See ad elsewhere in these pages.

We would like to thank Colin and Janet Andrews for their past kindness and good work in housing *Bufo's* lending library and organising the service. In future the library will be run by Robin Lindsey (address on inside front cover). It is hoped to print a full list of available books etc, in a future *Journal* issue.

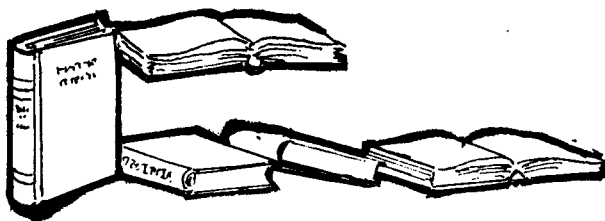
## Book Reviews

### The Encyclopedia of UFOs

Edited by  
Ronald D Story

Doubleday & Co, Garden City, New York

440p. \$13.95.



Ronald Story spent many months producing this comprehensive work, but it has indeed been time well spent. His *Encyclopedia's* merit lies in its impartiality and objectivity, for it has been written by no one person, Story having approached many of the world's leading ufologists to contribute reports, views, background information and biographical details. The result is a well-illustrated, alphabetical pot-pourri of UFO events, aspects, theories, projects and personalities—a very acceptable pot-pourri and the best guide to our subject and those involved with it that I have yet seen.

Whilst not unnaturally having an in-built leaning towards American personalities and incidents, those from other parts of the world are by no means neglected, and the rather interesting and heterogenous British list (extracted in alphabetical order) reads: Charles Bowen, Eileen Buckle, Stuart Campbell, the Earl of Clancarty, J Bernard Delair, W Raymond Drake, John Hind, George King, Desmond Leslie, Norman Oliver and Jenny Randles.

This *Encyclopedia's* 440 giant-sized pages include three appendices devoted to Chronological UFO events: UFO-related periodicals and UFO abbreviations and acronyms, together with an extensive bibliography. Numerous UFO photos are to be found, though perhaps not as many as the statement on the back cover that the *Encyclopedia* is "illustrated with over

240 rare and startling photographs" might suggest—not, that is, unless one considers the photographs of the ufologists themselves as 'rare and startling!'

Now to be published in the UK, if you can get a copy, do so. It's a unique presentation and at \$13.95, an excellent buy.

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### The Interrupted Journey

John G Fuller

Souvenir Press, September 1980

340pp. £6.95.

*The Interrupted Journey* was, I believe, originally published by *Dial Press of New York* in October 1966. As most readers will know, it related the experiences of Betty and Barney Hill in September 1961, as later disclosed under regressive hypnosis in sessions with Benjamin Simon MD, these sessions suggesting the probability of contact with humanoids aboard an alien craft during a 2-hour time lapse. This new edition is precisely as the original, other than a revised *Foreword* and an additional section largely devoted to a transcript of a further hypnosis session attended by Dr Hynek as one of the questioners. As probably the first and most detailed presentation of a CE111 regressive hypnosis/time lapse case, *The Interrupted Journey* is a classic, and should you not already possess a copy, here is an ideal opportunity.

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What bugs me a little, though is why, at a time when one finds it hard to get new UFO material published, a 19-year-old event is given a re-run? Can it be that the publishers are hoping to cash in on the more recent popularity of *The Airmen Who Would not Die* and *The Ghost of Flight 401* by the same author?

Be that as it may, at £6.95, the book is fair value, though if the copy I received is typical of others, you'd better check out the binding before purchase!

T Huntington

**Photographs of the Unknown**  
**Robert Rickard, Richard Kelly**  
**New English Library,**  
**October 1980. 144pp. £7.45.**

Glancing through the pages of this "greatest single collection of photographs from the diverse realms of the unknown," I had the feeling of déjà-vu, which was rapidly rationalised as being caused by having viewed some of the same pictures in Arthur C Clarke's *Mysterious World* TV series an hour or so previously: indeed, *Photographs of the Unknown* has more or less dead-heated with the appearance of the printed version of *Mysterious World*.

The difference between the two lies in 'Photographs' delving more rather into the psychic sphere than its more prominently authored counterpart, and whilst, for example, the Loch Ness Monster, the Komodo 'dragon,' 'moving stones,' ball lightning and UFOs are well-featured, Mediumship, Firewalking and bleeding images are, inter alia, well to the fore also.

The book is of large format and includes over 300 excellent photographs of unusual phenomena of all descriptions, and the content is meticu-

lously documented as one has come to expect from those associated with the *Fortean Times*, though I would comment that whilst only 16 of the 300-odd photos are credited with an 'unknown origin,' 6 of those 16 concern UFOs, which seems a rather high proportion considering the variety of phenomena included! I cannot, though, do better than to quote the dust cover when it says: "*The result is an astonishing album of evidence to support a wide range of paranormal phenomena presented in a way which will fascinate everyone from the general reader to the serious student.*" Indeed it is, and a good buy, too.

Norman Oliver

**The Janos People**  
**Frank Johnson**  
**Neville Spearman, 1980.**  
**198pp. £5.25.**

"This book," says the author, "contains so many 'first times' that I have scarcely troubled to indicate them, Ufology looks quite different after experiencing this investigation." The only major 'first time,' however, that I cannot immediately recall as being duplicated in other time lapse/regressive hypnosis/abduction cases is that the 'Janos People'—the aliens allegedly met by an Oxfordshire family when, as is claimed, they were abducted aboard an alien craft in June 1978—are actually terrestrial extra-terrestrials, or to be more exact, terrestrials extra-terrestrial prospective terrestrials. Apparently, having departed from Earth in unexplained circumstances in the distant past, colonised the planet Janos several thousand light years away and experienced the break-up of its nearest moon, which necessitated evacuation, those remaining decided to nip smartly back to Earth—taking two subjective years to do so—and start life afresh.

Now, it would seem, ten million are waiting around for the green light to land, meantime picking on an odd family or two to whom to break the glad tidings!

I am sure the investigator/author believes the family to be sincere, and they may well have had a genuine experience. What disturbs me, however, is that he appears to have completely accepted the reality of The Janos People and expects us to take this particular CE111 as the gospel truth, when practically all contact/abduction claims—many with equal or superior credibility—differ not only from this one, but from each other! The whole story of the 'Janos People' can virtually be summed up as a non-violent Battlestar Galactica epic minus the Silons!

I must take issue too, with the use of the term CE4 in the context of this claimed occurrence. Though proposed by Hynek, it is not yet common ufological parlance for an abduction case as the author states. CE4 has though, been used (or mis-used) in respect of contact claims where experiences of a sexual nature have been involved—and this does not seem applicable to our Oxfordshire family!

The names, alas, are typical. *Janos*

(looking both ways—very apt!): *Saton* (the exploded satellite—no comment). Personal names: *Anouxia*, *Uxiaulia*, *Vurna*, etc—well, they have to be called something, I suppose.

The book is well illustrated, but if the story were science fiction I would class it second rate and somewhat naive. As a claimed contact experience, one should perhaps peruse it, for there are very few regressive hypnosis/abduction claims in the UK. I cannot, however, take it seriously and I doubt many reviewers will.

H Thomas

Our reviewer does not appear to take a very charitable view of *The Janos People*, but in order to find out whether or not you agree, it's necessary to read it! So—if **YOU** haven't done so by then, **come along to Kensington on Saturday, 9 May to hear the author and to purchase a copy—Ed.**

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# Sighting Summaries

Code No	Date	Time	Place	Report	Class	Investigator/ Credit
1933	?	2300	Salisbury Plain	Bright white oval	C3c	M KEATMAN
1948	Spring	am	Ipswich, Suffolk	Bright sphere	C4c	M HALL
1949	July	2200	London, W1	Green ' dart '	C4c	M HALL
1952	?	2130	Malaya	Grey object—orange beam	C3b	M HALL
1956	June	1730	Worcester	Silver oval	C3b	G R RUFF
1956	July	am	Beverley, E Yorks	3 silvery round objects	C3b	G R RUFF
1961	Summer	1100	Birmingham area	Silver ' Diamond '	C3b	M PRITCHARD
1964	19.9.64	1000	Coventry	2 silver discs	C2c	—
1965	2.11.65	1713	Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex	2 white points	B4c	T FOX/M HALL
1966	Feb	2030	Craigavon, NI	2 LITS	C4c	—
1966	Summer	pm	Bradwell, Essex	2 metallic cigars	C3b	L DALE
1967	July	2330	Bexley, Kent	3 glowing discs	C3c	M WEAVER
1968	Sept	1945	Vauxhall Bridge, London	Wheel-shaped object	C3b	W REID
1969	26.9.69	1700	Calella, Spain	Multicoloured half-circle	C3b	T FOX
1969	April	0100	Edinburgh	Red ' Rugby-ball '	C3c	S CAMPBELL
1970	Jan/Mar	0100	Edinburgh	Square, hazy object	C2c	S CAMPBELL
1971	July/Aug	2400	Majorca	Blue light	C3c	V J BALLESTER OLMOS
1974/5	July	0630	Fareham, Hants	3 round orange objects	C3c	S N PITT
75-303	15.3.75	Midday	Hammersmith, London	' Silver star-ball '	C4c	D H SINGH
76-467	24.6.76	0030	Stone, Staffs	' Green star '	C4c	—
76-468	Aug/Sept	2200	Havant, Hants	Orange ' Fish-shape '	C4a	W PAFFORD WATSUP
77-605	5.11.77	1115	Acton Trussell, Staffs	Misty cone	C3c	M KEATMAN
77-606	6.9.77	2145	Wistaston, Cheshire	Round, pink object	C4c	M TYRRELL
77-607	Autumn	2200	Billericay, Essex	' Fat, red cigar '	C3c	R EASTON
77-608	3.9.77	2245	Audley, Staffs	Coloured cigar	C1b	—
77-609	Nov	1830	Petworth, Sussex	3 roundish red objects	C4c	S N PITT
78-416	17.5.78	2240	Billericay, Essex	Spherical, white light	C4c	R EASTON
78-417	25.12.78	2110	Yeovil, Somerset	' Amber star '	C4b	—
78-418	15.11.78	1715	Farlington, Hants	Cream, oval object	C3b	S N PITT
78-419	6.11.78	1800	Petworth, Sussex	Red object	C4b	S N PITT
78-420	1.10.78	2130	Rookery, Staffs	Yellow oval	C4c	M TYRRELL
78-422	20.11.78	0725	?	' Cigar and crescent '	C3b	S N PITT
78-423	26.7.78	2035	Sandbach, Cheshire	Round silver/white object	C4c	S R CLEAVER FUFOR

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78-424	10.10.78	2030	Sandbach, Cheshire	Dumbell shape	C4c	S R CLEAVER FUFOR
78-426	May	0300	Cwmbran, Gwent	White beam	C4c	—
78-428	Autumn	2330	Basildon, Essex	Blue-green LITS	C4b	R EASTON
79-115	8.8.79	1250	Moston, Manchester	Beige cylinder	C3c	—
79-177	11.2.79	2115	Sawston, Cambs	Round ' Flare '	C4c	P JOHNSON
79-178	22.3.79	am	Sawston, Cambs	Round, orange object	C4b	P JOHNSON
79-179	2.5.79	1700	Windsor, Hants	Round object	C4c	C JAMES
79-180	26.6.79	1600	Totton, Hants	Orange sphere	C4c	C JAMES
79-181	17.6.79	2300	Totton, Hants	Orange sphere	C4b	C JAMES
79-184	5.9.79	1640	E Kirby, Lincs	Two aluminium ' saucers '	C3b	J CAPEWELL
79-185	6.11.79	1830	Boultham Moor, Lincoln	Orange ' saucer '	C3b	B TAYLOR
79-186	31.12.79	0145	Mylor Bridge, Cornwall	White oval	C4b	—
79-190A	22.9.79	1150	Leeds	Grey box shape	C3b	W REID
79-190B	"	"	"	" "	"	
79-191A	29.11.79	1840	Dunstable, Beds	Five red/white LITS	C4b	K PHILLIPS
79-191B	"	"	" "	" " "	"	
79-191C	"	1830-1900	" "	Five round red/white LITS	C4b	
79-194	27.9.79	0015	New Buckenham,	Red ball	C4c	K WILLIAMSON
79-195A	12.12.79	1455	Portslade, Sussex	Three silver discs	C4b	A FOX
79-195B	12.12.79	"	" "	Three roundish objects	"	
79-090	15.4.79	2035	Gillingham, Kent	Deep pink round object	C4b	D NOAKES
79-091	14.7.79	0010	Burgess Hill, Sussex	Bright orange cigar	C3b	A FOX
79-092	10.6.79	2235	Little Odell, Beds	2 orange lights	C4b	—
79-093	19.6.79	2230	Aylesbury, Bucks	' Magnesium streak '	C4b	—
79-228	9.2.79	1905	Church Minshull, Cheshire	Flashing LIT	B4c	N OLDHAM
79-229	Sept	1300	London, E11	White ellipsoid	C3c	T HUDSON
79-230	Nov	0300	Billericay, Essex	Orange glove-shape	C4c	R EASTON
79-231A	20.9.79	2100	Nantwich, Cheshire	Oval with lights	C3b	S R CLEAVER/ M TYRRELL
79-231B	20.9.79	2100	" "	" " "	C3b	
80-1A	13.2.80	1615	Beare Green, Surrey	3 LITS changing patterns	C4b	J BARTON
80-1B	13.2.80	1615	" " "	" " "	C4b	
80-2	5.4.80	2030	Looe, Cornwall	2 golden ' basket- shapes '	C4c	D CUTLER UFOSIS
80-3	2.2.80	0905	Epsom Downs, Surrey	Silver/white metallic object	C3b	—
80-4	2.1.80	1300	Edgware, Middlesex	Red dome	C3c	K PHILLIPS

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80-5	31.1.80	2200	Broad Oak, Sussex	Multicoloured round lights	C4a	T FOX
80-6	7.2.80	0615	Chertsey, Surrey	Orange/yellow ball of light	B4c	T FOX
80-7	5.4.80	0130	Upper Dicker, Sussex	Flashing ' mass of white spikes '	C4c	T FOX/L DALE
80-8	7.4.80	2100	M11 Motorway	White star-shape	C4b	J BARTON
80-9	8.4.80	2130	Edinburgh	Red/white LITS	C4b	S CAMPBELL
80-10A	15.1.80	2015	Bradley, N Yorks	Spinning red ball	C3b	A DODD
80-10B	15.1.80	2015	" "	" " "	C3b	
80-11	7.2.80	1740	Leicester	Flashing LITS	C4c	J CAPEWELL
80-12	7.1.80	1630	Market Harboro', Leics	Whirring ' saucer '	C3b	J CAPEWELL
80-13	3.4.80	2345	Nr Folkestone, Kent	Grey/silver oval	B3b	B FLETCHER
80-14	30.3.80	2220	Thurnham, Kent	2 round lights	C4b	R WILLIAMS
80-15	1.1.80	0800	Whitstable, Kent	Gold crescent	C4c	V MARTIN
80-16A	11.1.80	2055	" "	Object with white lights and red beams	C3a	V MARTIN
80-16B	11.1.80	2030 +	Seasalter, Kent	2 light beams	C4a	
80-17	10.2.80	2245 +	Dartford, Kent	Yellow light	C4b	M HALL
80-18	4.3.80	1900	Wilmington, Kent	Orange ball	C4b	M HALL
80-19A	3.6.80	2215	Ockenden, Essex	Green object	C4a	R EASTON
80-19B	3.6.80	2215	Pitsea, Essex	" "	C4a	
80-20	26.2.80	0740	Milton Keynes, Bucks	Red ball	C4c	K PHILLIPS
80-21	19.2.80	2045	Parson Drove, Cambs	White and green LITS	C4b	J CAPEWELL
80-22	20.3.80	2345	Peterborough	Cigar with red lights	C3b	—
80-23	3.7.80	1010	London, W4	Round, flat, grey object	C3b	T DAVITT
80-24	13.7.80 17.7.80	various pm	Skegness, Lincs	Black oval	C3b	M HALL
80-25	20.6.80	1500	Enfield, Middx	Varicoloured ball of fire	C3c	K GOLDSWORTHY
80-26A	21.8.80	2100	Friern Barnet, Midx.	White ' sting-ray '	C3b	K GOLDSWORTHY
80-26B	21.8.80	2100	" " "	Spherical object	C3b	M HALL
80-27	3.8.80	2345	Edgworth, Lancs	3 yellow circles	C4c	A BRAMHILL
80-28	10.8.80	1410	Frogmore, Herts	Metallic sphere	C4c	T DAVITT
80-29	27.7.80	2030	London, SW16	Silver oblong	C4b	T DAVITT
80-30	27.7.80	2330	London, SW16	Oval with bright centre	C4b	T DAVITT

## Notice

Larry Dale has vacated the position of National Investigations Co-ordinator. Pending recommendations from a Working Party on a new investigations structure, communications and reports should be sent to **Maureen Hall, 19 Hall Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 5HB.**



## Uforum

I write to congratulate you on your editorial subtitled *The Resurrection of ETH—2* (Bf Vol 9, No 2). I fully agree that it is time we launched a concerted 'saturation attack' on any 'flap' areas.

As for your list of possible objections, I feel that a fair number of investigators would be very willing to give up more of their spare time if they thought there was a fair chance of furthering our knowledge of UFOs (as surely such an exercise must eventually do). The money, whilst a problem, would not be impossible to come by if correctly managed. Your third possible objection 'what a waste of time' would not, surely, be voiced by anyone who has a genuine interest in the subject.

I hope the editorial will lead not only to comment, but also to action.

J Hand, Basildon.

... The concept of time travel was discussed by philosopher Guy Robinson in a radio talk in 1964 (reproduced as "Hypertravel" in *The Listener* 1964, Dec 17). He examined the paradoxes and impossibilities which the concept produces, especially the conundrum which involves altering the past in such a way that the 'present' to which one returns is not the same as the present which one left. Time is not a dimension to be treated in the same way as space.

The only way out of this conundrum is to propose that the past to which time travellers journey already contains all their appearances. The future may be pliable, but the past is fixed. If any time travellers are going (in the future) to travel back to any time prior to this date, then they must already have appeared. You can if you like propose

that UFOs are time travellers, but the freedom of future time travellers to go when they like will be restricted to the appearances they have already made! How would this work in practice? Prospective travellers would know that before they go they have already been, the record of their visit being recorded in history. But how could they appear before they were born? Is life a charade with our actions determined beforehand? Is there no free will? And if the flow of actions in time is fixed, who fixed it?

Paradoxes begin to pile up here, and the impossibility of the concept becomes clearer. How, for instance, does time arrange that you only travel back to become a manifestation that has already occurred?

Another difficulty (but that is hardly the right word), that advocates of time travel usually forget, is that the Earth rotates, and revolves around the Sun. The Solar System also travels through space and revolves within the Galaxy. And for all we know, the Galaxy itself has its own proper motion. What chance, then, that a time machine will materialise at the same point on the surface of the Earth that it left? More likely it would appear light years away in deep space. Real time travel would require complex co-ordinate systems that could plot the departure point in relation to a stationary background, if one could be found.) It would also require a space travel mechanism that could get you from one co-ordinate set to another instantaneously!

Quite simply, travel into the past or future is impossible because neither exist—now. The past did exist, and the future will exist, but for us, as for anybody, there is only the present.

Stuart Campbell,  
Edinburgh.

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*The foregoing is a continuation of the letter from Stuart published in our last issue, being prompted by an item from F R Hendry, on the time travel proposition in Vol 9, No 1—Ed.*

Having been a passive member of *Bufora* for some fifteen years on and off, reading the *Journal* and from time to time attending meetings, it appears to me that over the years views expressed have all along been reliably the same, each speaking from his own viewpoint.

There seems to be a dichotomy—the ‘nuts and bolts’ people and the ‘cultists,’ the latter having little or no idea of scientific training with their ideas based around vague conceptions of ‘telepathy,’ ‘dimensions’ and other notions extracted from ‘occult’ practices. The ‘nuts and bolts’ adherents, on the other hand, are fewer in number and usually have some scientific training, but themselves split between terrestrial and extra-terrestrial UFO origins. Secret weapons, rocket experiments, etc, may well account for some reports, whilst misidentifications of drogues, balloons, etc, are common. But what of the ETH?

From recent studies it appears quite likely that there are over five million inhabited planets in our own galaxy: it is also likely that at least half would be further advanced than ourselves . . . . we have progressed from the horse to space travel in a little over a century, so assuming extra-terrestrial beings are at least as bright as we are, then a few thousand years of technological evolution might have produced the ‘Flying Saucer’: it may be that we on this planet may have produced one by the next century. My conclusion . . . . that whilst the majority of UFO sightings are misidentifications, delusions, hoaxes, etc, the few that re-

main are of craft produced and controlled by intelligent beings from another solar system within our galaxy.

C Stevens,  
London SW19.

May I make a few comments on your last issue?

First, why does our ‘impartial’ editor take sides? In its silliest form (vide Von Daniken and Drake), the ET hypothesis should be re-christened “Kid’s Comic Hypothesis” (KCH).

Secondly, while I sympathise with Mr Campbell’s complaint that *Bufora* is not a debating society (p.5), I also think he is less than fair to Hilary Evans, who after all, was encouraged by you to be flippant. Campbell should have reserved his wrath for the absolutely appalling drivel inflicted on us by Drake. Perhaps it would be a good idea to invest in an “anti-gravity beam” gun (p.23)—to save money a second-hand (B.C.) model should do to excise matter from the *Journal* likely to bring the subject into contempt.

Thirdly, while I have read the account of the Plumstead case (p.10) with great interest, I regret the fact that the data are only presented at third-hand. (Was the psychiatrists’s diagnosis just ‘nerves’?).

Manfred Cassirer,  
Piltdown, Sussex.

*I’m not at all sure Margaret Fry would agree that the ‘Plumstead’ data was all third-hand. For the rest I refer Manfred to my editorial and in view of the ‘broadside’ in the next letter, refrain from further comment here!—Ed.*

In his letter (Bf Vol 9, No 2, May, 1980) Manfred Cassirer berates me for my apparently ‘crude fundamentalism

in conjunction with (my) grossly unscientific attitude' towards the UFO phenomenon generally. In the same issue, Hilary Evans does indeed give me credit for my 'track record in the investigative field,' for which I thank him most sincerely.

However, and for the record, do please allow me space to clear up a few of the apparently ambiguous points me prior letters seem to have induced.

Hilary, in his letter, states that he 'was dismayed when I found him presenting the metaphysical aspects of UFO contact as though they were no less factual than the visual sightings.' Now, my dictionary defines metaphysics as being 'concerned with first principles and ultimate grounds, as being, time, substance,' and fundamentalism as being a movement 'which stresses the infallibility of the Bible, not only in matters of faith and morals, but also record and prophecy.' And it was precisely because of the interlacing connotations of these definitions, plus the validity of the case histories I have in my possession, plus my own experience, that I do claim that there really do exist within the framework of the ufological phenomenon entities 'whose sole purpose is to destroy belief in Christ . . . .'

As for Cassirer's contention that the work I have done in the ufological field generally is 'the sort of nonsense which brings the whole subject into contempt with the scientific fraternity,' I can only

assume that there speaks the chair-bound, hide-bound mind-bound theoretician who has never even got his feet wet during a UFO investigation. "Mere" investigation indeed! Where would the scientific world acquire its information without the efforts of we 'mere' investigators?

However, if, inadvertently, I seem to have given the impression that I have denied the 'direct' experience to others, I hereby challenge Cassirer and any others who may care to accompany him, to come down to this little corner of Pembrokeshire, and meet the witnesses who have themselves experienced a ufological situation which in no way can be 'falsified.'

One can only report what one has experienced, but if hypercritics such as M Cassirer do not have the moral courage or the magnanimity to take up the challenge, then in the writer's own words, such 'sulphurous lucubrations' scarcely deserve a reply. But then, of course, Mr M Cassirer, in his discursive peregrinations, may never have encountered the symptomatology—the science of interpretation—of the ufological enigma.

R Jones Pugh,  
Haverfordwest.

*Subsequent to receipt of this letter I understand from Randall that he has presently withdrawn from all ufological activities and associations—Ed.*

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## 2nd Psychics & Mystics Fayre & UFO Show

Alexandra Palace, 27-28 September 1980



were peering at the panels. It was reported that 9,000 attended this *Fayre*, although the first *fayre* earlier in the year had attracted some 14,000. Sales of literature from the *Bufora* stand were sufficient to cover costs, and the bonus was the resulting new members and additional people coming to the London lectures.

Gay Wilson, the organiser of this event, offered *Bufora* very favourable terms for participation. Since the Association needed to raise funds and publicise itself to a wider audience, it was agreed, as an experiment, to go ahead. It was recognised that the *Fayre* was a 'fringe' event, but equally *Bufora* was able to demonstrate that UFO research could be handled in a serious manner, as opposed to the para-religious and theosophical approaches adopted by the *Aetherius Society* and *Viewpoint Aquarius*, both of which were exhibitors.

Lionel Beer spent three weeks assembling and mounting photographs and associated material, together with the painstaking task of 'Letrasetting' captions and headings. The display included well-known photographs (some of which were of suspected fakes): UFOs on movie-film: historical phenomena and unusual man-made objects, all with appropriate captions. A poster showing humanoid types drew much attention and there was also a small, colourful selection of book covers. Without any modesty, it could be said that the displays attracted very considerable interest and on the Sunday afternoon, people up to three deep

The displays in a stand area of about 15ft. x 6ft. were set up in only 90 minutes prior to the formal opening of the *Fayre* at 11 am. This was done by Betty Wood, Arnold West, his daughter Averil and Lionel Beer. Wilf Grunau, *Bufora* Treasurer, provided a 40 minute talk on UFOs in the demonstration area of the *Fayre* during the Saturday lunch-hour. Other members who assisted in manning the stand included Pam Kennedy, Eve Demuth, John Shaw, Robert Morison, Mr & Mrs Leslie Bayer and their son Christopher. To sum up, this was a successful exercise in public relations for the Association and provided useful experience for those involved.

### Anecdote

Gay Wilson originally wrote to Lionel Beer on 10 July, soliciting *Bufora's* participation. And what happened on 10 July? This was the day the Great Hall burnt down! One might well ask, what price their psychics and mystics now? However, the event was subsequently transferred back to the Palm Court area at the western end of the site, which, together with the BBC transmitter at the eastern end, remained intact.